

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (currently amended) A method for transmitting a message to a recipient, the recipient associated with at least one identifier, the identifier is associated with at least one communication device, comprising:

- receiving a message;
- receiving a recipient identifier for said message, the recipient ~~alias~~ identifier associated with at least one communication device;
- verifying that the recipient identifier is available to the system;
- verifying that the sender has permission to send a message to the identifier by referring to the permission associated with the identifier;
- transmitting the message to at least one communication device associated with the identifier;
- retrieving a maximum message length for a communication device associated with the identifier;
- determining the message length of the received message;
- comparing the message length of the received message to the maximum message length; and
- modifying the transmission of the message when the message length of the received message exceeds the maximum message length by sending a concatenated message.

Claim 16 (currently amended) A method for transmitting a message to a recipient, the recipient associated with at least one identifier, the identifier is associated with at least one communication device, comprising:

- receiving a message;

receiving a recipient identifier for said message, the recipient ~~alias~~
identifier associated with at least one communication device;
verifying that the recipient identifier is available to the system;
verifying that the sender has permission to send a message to the identifier
by referring to the permission associated with the identifier;
transmitting the message to at least one communication device associated
with the identifier;
retrieving a maximum message length for a communication device
associated with the identifier;
determining the message length of the received message;
comparing the message length of the received message to the maximum
message length; and
modifying the transmission of the message when the message length of the
received message exceeds the maximum message length by sending a
concatenated message and adding a header to the message.

Claims 17-32 (Canceled)